



Ontario Libertarian Party

The Party of Choice

Minutes of Executive meeting

February 27, 2010

Eastern Sense Chinese Restaurant, 200 Marycroft Drive, Woodbridge Ontario

Present - Sam Apfelbaum, Matt Belanger, Phil Bender, Jean Serge Brisson (by phone), Jim McIntosh, Allen Small

Absent - Paolo Fabrizio, Craig Hodgins, Peter Radzio, Heath Thomas

Call to order - Jim McIntosh agreed to take minutes. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Jean-Serge called in on our new toll free number, 1-855-ONT-LIBerty, which Jim has arranged.

Approval of Agenda –The Agenda prepared by Jim McIntosh was approved.

Approval of minutes – The minutes of January 16 did not include anything about our discussion of renting a booth at Word OnThe Street. It was agreed that no motion had been passed, however there had been consensus that it would be good to do so since it would be right before the general election.

Moved by Jim, seconded by Sam that the minutes of January 16, 2011 be approved.
6 Yea, 0 Nay, **Carried**

Jean-Serge Report – Jean-Serge gave a 2-hour presentation about his refusal to collect sales taxes (PST and HST) at the Haliburton Landowners Association meeting on Saturday. It was well received. Phil attended and reported it was smooth without being 'slick.' Jean-Serge has drafted a book on the subject with a working title *Tea Party of One: All Governments Invited*. It is currently undergoing editing and he has a friend who has agreed to find a publisher for him. We discussed the idea of having an event (like the Ezra Levant event) when the book is published.

Word on the Street - September 26, 2010 – The fee for the booth is about \$450. (The Early Bird deadline was Friday, and would have saved us about \$35.) We will also need to print pamphlets for handouts listing all of our candidates. We should invite all Toronto Candidates to participate.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Matt, that the Party register for WOTS, print pamphlets, get candidates to participate, and budget \$700. 6 Yea, 0 Nay, **Carried**

Manning Networking Convention, May 5-7, 2011 –The fee of \$800 for a booth includes only 1 registration. It included 3 last year. We may get a second one if we promote the event to our members. Reasons for participating include: media attention; getting Ottawa members involved; and encouraging libertarian-leaning conservatives.

Moved by Phil, seconded by Allen, the Party participate in the Manning Networking

Convention and budget \$1,400 for a booth, printing and other costs including travel and living expenses for the coordinator. 6 Yea, 0 Nay, **Carried**

Toronto Freedom Festival, May 5, 2011 – Phil spoke to the organizer and she agreed we could have a table in the Awareness Area (at no charge) if we provided a speaker. Jim volunteered to be the speaker. Jim, Allen and Matt volunteered to participate and distribute pamphlets. Jack Morawetz and Jim had discussed putting on an event at one of the lounges where marijuana is allowed which we would promote at the Freedom Festival.

AGM & Convention, Saturday November 5, 2011 - Discussion deferred.

Caucus Meeting, April 17, 2011 – Allen has investigated alternatives locations. The best option appears to be the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre on Eglinton between Yonge Street and Avenue Road. They have two possible rooms; the smaller room will hold 40 with theatre-style seating and costs \$37/hour; the larger room will hold 100 people at tables and costs \$49/hour. It was agreed the smaller room would not be adequate considering we would be having lunch. The larger room would cost about \$335 for 6 hours, plus we would need another \$100-\$200 for food and drinks. It is accessible by TTC and Jim reports there is underground parking. That makes this location preferable to Banbury Community Center, but not so convenient for people coming by car from out of town.

Eastern Sense is available April 17 and would likely cost \$15 - \$20 per person, depending on how many. Advantages: more convenient for out of town attendees, especially from the west; better food than pizza or KFC. It is not as convenient for people without cars. [Editor's note: TTC service from Union Station takes 92 minutes to Weston Rd. and Hwy 7 and requires an extra fare.] Facebook could be used to arrange car pool rides. It was agreed the Location decision should be left up to Allen.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Jim, that the party allocate \$1,100 for the Caucus Meeting. 6 Yea, 0 Nay – **Carried**

Speakers – Allen contacted Larry Solomon (Energy Probe) but he declined. Jerry Agar, a host on CFRB radio with libertarian tendencies, is a maybe.

Election Preparation – Jim has created a spread sheet on Google Docs with a list of 80 potential candidates. This is shared with Sam and the Election Committee (Craig, Paolo, Phil, and John Shaw). The Committee met on January 28 in Newmarket. Craig sent an email to the Executive on February 24 with his report (attached). Allen will investigate if our candidates could use high school students who are looking for ways to earn their community volunteer credits.

IATS Credit Card Processing – Jim learned about IATS from a CPC representative at an Elections Canada training session. They will process credit card transactions (donations) online for charitable and non-profit organizations. The fee is \$18/month plus 2.5% on VISA and MasterCard transactions, and 3.5% on American Express. A representative is to call Jim on Monday. [Editors Note: On our current VISA account we

pay \$15.95/month plus 3.77% with a minimum of \$10/month. In 2010 we paid fees of \$225.03 on VISA transactions totaling \$1,450, or effectively 15.5%. PayPal fees were \$161.25 on donations of \$4,621, or 3.5%.] It was agreed that Jim should investigate further and go ahead with any change he deems appropriate.

Web Site – The new web site has been up and running since the beginning of February. Problems are being corrected as they are discovered. Members of the executive are encouraged to blog on the site. There was some question about the new logo; do we need approval at an AGM for a new logo? The consensus was, no, we should transition to the new logo on forms, *Bulletin* and letterhead.

Treasurer's Report – Bank Balance as of February 27 - \$5,504.18. Contributions to date are \$1,057.63, slightly better than last year at this time.

Pub Nights – The **Barrie Pub Night** has been discontinued, due in part to the Paolo's new job which takes him out of town frequently. The Barrie CA is in jeopardy. They have not responded to a request from Elections Ontario to explain discrepancies in their annual report. Jim has advised Teresa Fabrizio how to correct it, but has not heard if she has sent a letter to Elections Ontario.

The new **London Pub Night** is being organized by Zak Young, who is not a member but has declared himself as a libertarian. It is supposed to be every second Monday, but he has only had one in each of the last three months.

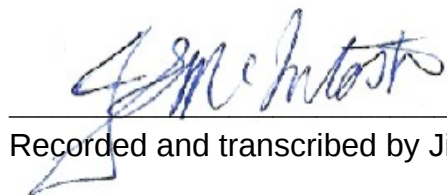
Phil has decided to discontinue the **Guelph Pub Nights** (which alternate with Waterloo) since only 3 people (including Phil and John Shaw) are showing up. Instead they will meet in Waterloo every month.

Radio Show – Allen is looking for someone to be the producer. He and Rod Rojas produced one show, but found it very time consuming. He will see if there is anyone in a high school media course who might be interested in our project.

Next meeting – April 3, 2011 1:00 PM

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Adjournment of meeting – at 5:30 PM



Recorded and transcribed by Jim McIntosh, Treasurer

March 3, 2010

Date

Attachments: Email from Craig Hodgins re Campaign Update

Jim McIntosh

From: OLP_EXEC_Discussions@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Craig Hodgins
[jchodgins@rogers.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 11:18 AM
To: OLP_EXEC_Discussions@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [OLP_EXEC] Sunday Meeting - Campaign Update

I too will not be attending the Sunday meeting due to another engagement. I would like to provide the executive with an update as Campaign Director.

- the elections committee met in Newmarket on Jan 28 2011 (Jim, Phil, John Shaw, and myself)
- we did a high-level vetting of the potential candidates
- Jim is writing a letter to each of the previous 2007 candidates
- Sam is to decide whether the "unknown" potential candidates are suitable
- Craig is to review and update the campaign project plan
- Jim to get riding atlas
- John was to contact a lady who has developed campaign strategies in the past
 - he did so but found that she is on the fringes and doesn't understand what Libertarians are all about
- Allen is considering alternative venues for the Caucus Meeting (nothing concrete yet)

- Craig is to propose an agenda for the Caucus Meeting on April 17 (hopefully by next executive meeting)
- we are looking for a guest speaker for the Caucus Meeting (suggestions welcome)
- potential themes for the next election
 - "Who owns your life?" (it's personal, emotional, and we can argue from morality and not effect)
 - Monopoly vs Competition
 - "We are none of the above" (appeal to the protest vote)

Craig Hodgins
Ontario Libertarian Party
"Free men are not equal, and equal men are not free"

On 2011-02-22, at 2:20 PM, Jean-Serge Brisson wrote:

I will not be able to participate in the meeting on Sunday.

I have been invited to go to Bracebridge in the Muskoka region by the Ontario Landowners and give them a presentation on my encounter with sales tax with the Provincial and Federal government.

I am giving the presentation on Saturday 1pm and will not be leaving for home until Sunday morning and I will not be back on

time to get on the phone. It will be around 5 pm when I expect to get back.

This is an important meeting because if the OLA like the presentation they have offered to do a book launch for me when the book is out which I hope to have a finished product by end of March.

The OLA have a magazine circulation of 20,000. I am expecting the editor of the magazine to be there on Saturday. I spoke with her when she came to Ottawa during the municipal election campaign. She was very interested on learning more about my story. So I am expecting that if this presentation goes well, it will be a big boost to the book when it comes out.

Jean-Serge

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